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WASHINGTON POST JULY 20 CARRIES AN ITEM DESCRIBING A GKR INFORMATION MINISTRY WHITE PAPER ON NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENTS. WHITE PAPER ALLEGEDLY STATES THAT THERE ARE TWO NEW NVA DIVISIONS IN CAMBODIA AND THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE AROUND PHNOM PENH. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE GKR BELIEVES THAT THE NUMBER OF NVA TROOPS HAS INCREASED FROM 26,000 IN JANUARY TO 45,000 IN MARCH AND IS CURRENTLY AT A LEVEL OF 70,000. ITEM ENDS WITH COMMENT THAT SOME AMERICAN ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO MORE THAN "A COUPLE OF THOUSAND" NVA IN COUNTRY.

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